

Mr. Speaker, it is a privilege to honor Peggy Lue for her dedication to the Stockgrowers of Gunnison County and Colorado's Agriculture industry. She has served her community and state well for over 40 years and deserves our gratitude. It is with great pleasure that I recognize her today before this body of Congress and this Nation. Thanks Peggy Lue, and I wish you well with all of your future endeavors.

HONORING THE GREEN VALLEYS  
ASSOCIATION

**HON. JIM GERLACH**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 5, 2004*

Mr. GERLACH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Green Valleys Association on the occasion of their 40th Anniversary. For forty years, the Green Valleys Association has been working diligently to protect the watersheds and ecosystems in northern Chester County, Pennsylvania.

The Green Valleys Association was founded in 1964 by landowners who were threatened by the proposed damming of the French Creek in Chester County. The proposed damming would have transformed the area into a reservoir, so the landowners took a stand and created a formidable defense against the dam—a group called the French Creek Watershed Association. This spirit and drive has been, and still is, a part of all who work within the Association, now known as Green Valleys Association. Six years later, in 1972, the Association expanded to oversee all five of the northern and eastern Chester County's Schuylkill River watersheds. This area includes Pigeon Creek, Stony Run, Pickering Creek, French Creek, and Valley Creek. The region covered by the Association is largely rural and more than 70 percent of the population who live there depend on the activism of the Green Valleys Association to help protect their water resources. Today, the Association's activity spreads throughout 21 municipalities and over 155 square miles. The Green Valleys Association is unique in its work and purpose as it is the only watershed association in northern Chester County.

Throughout the past forty years, the Association has worked to protect the natural resources in northern Chester County by helping to limit the Warner Quarry expansion, protecting Valley Creek and by achieving "Exceptional Value" status for the upper French Creek. In fact, all of the watersheds under Green Valleys Association's oversight have been designated either "High Quality" or "Exceptional Value." Exceptional Value is the highest protective designation offered by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

The Green Valleys Association has also taken on the task of educating the public on resources and the environment. They provide the community with information on environmental laws; organize meetings on water resources, effective land-use planning and wildlife resources; and bring the community together for local participation in stream watches. They also provide summer camps and school programs for students introducing them to important environmental concerns. The Green Valleys Association has also developed

the Sustainable Watershed Management program to be utilized as a tool for local municipalities to incorporate in regulations of water use.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me today in honoring Green Valleys Association's role as an educator and a protector of the watersheds of northern Chester County, Pennsylvania. They have done tremendous work, and for that, they should be commended.

CELEBRATING TAIWAN'S  
NATIONAL DAY—OCTOBER 10

**HON. DANNY K. DAVIS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 5, 2004*

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, as the Republic of China (Taiwan) gets ready to celebrate its National Day this October 10, I join my colleagues in sending my best wishes and congratulations to Taiwan President Chen Shui-bian and the Taiwanese people on this happy occasion.

In recent years Taiwan has continued to press forward with democratic reforms and economic development. We wish Taiwan continued success as a democracy and economic power and an early return to the World Health Organization.

The United States maintains a strong relationship with Taiwan. We appreciate Taiwan's continuing commitment to combating global terrorism and we are committed to help Taiwan find peaceful solutions to any and all external challenges it may face. I am sure that this strong relationship with Taiwan will grow and flourish in the years to come.

I commend President Chen Shui-bian for his commitment to a policy of mutual respect and dialog with China. I share his view that such a stance is the only reliable foundation for long-term peace and stability for the people and later generations on both sides of the Taiwan Strait. We all hope that peace and stability will forever prevail in the Taiwan Strait.

Greetings and congratulations, President Chen, to the people of Taiwan on your National Day.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO CHARLES  
CALVIN MOORE

**HON. SCOTT McINNIS**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 5, 2004*

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with a sad heart that I rise to recognize the passing of Charles Calvin Moore, a great man from Silverton, Colorado. Charles was a community leader, public servant, and a great friend to many. He made a tremendous impact on Silverton, and I am honored today to bring his contributions to the attention of this body of Congress and this nation.

Charles Moore arrived in Silverton in 1969 with his wife Penny with the intention of only staying two years. Thirty-four years later, he had made a profound impact on the city's institutions and its people. Charles began his life in Silverton as a science teacher, a position

he held for eleven years. He also served his community as a leader in both the police department, and as the San Juan county Under Sheriff from 1987 to 2003. Charles also contributed as a member of the San Juan Regional Planning Commission, the Silverton Board of Trustees, the Silverton Ambulance Association, and the Treasurer of the Silverton Congregational Church.

Mr. Speaker, Charles Calvin Moore was a dedicated man that selflessly served his community and country, and I am honored to pay tribute to him before this body today. His lifetime of service is an incredible model for all Americans. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family and friends during this time of bereavement.

HONORING STANLEY BALZEKAS  
ON THE OCCASION OF HIS 80TH  
BIRTHDAY

**HON. WILLIAM O. LIPINSKI**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 5, 2004*

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a remarkable gentleman, and friend, Mr. Stanley Balzekas in the celebration of his 80th birthday on October 8, 1924. It is with great honor that I recognize the contributions of a man who continues to serve the community of the Third Congressional District of Illinois.

The Balzekas family's years of service have been an invaluable contribution to the City of Chicago and beyond, as the Balzekas family members have been prominent leaders in the business and cultural life of our community. Stanley Balzekas's personal sacrifices of time and energy to family, friends and country stand as a testament of a truly fine individual. For his service to our Nation in the United States Army during World War II, we owe Mr. Balzekas a debt of gratitude.

Mr. Balzekas's interest and dedication to Chicago's great Lithuanian population has made him one of the foremost leaders amongst Chicago's diverse, ethnic communities; his great desire to bring peace to all people for the betterment of mankind is just one of his many noble qualities. He has worked with leading institutions, such as the Library of Congress, the National Endowment of the Arts and Humanities, Baltic freedom organizations, and the Chicago Public Library to enhance the world's understanding of Lithuania's deep history.

Mr. Balzekas has enriched the diverse fabric of our entire Chicago community by founding the Balzekas Museum of Lithuanian Culture, one of the largest ethnic museums and libraries in the United States. Through such measures, Mr. Balzekas has been a dedicated guardian of the heritage, history and culture of this nation's Lithuanian ancestry.

Currently, Mr. Balzekas proudly serves as the Honorary Consul General of the Consulate for the Republic of Lithuania in Palm Beach, Florida. He also presides over the Ethnic Cultural Preservation Council, Chicago Sister Cities International Committee, the Baltic Foundation, Ukrainian Institute of Modern Art and as vice-chairman for the Lithuanian-American Council.